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Reply To

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VIA FACSIMILE AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

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Extension of Time for Submittal of Certain AOC Deliverables

This letter responds to your letter received by EPA on April 12, 2002, requesting an extension of time for certain deliverables.

EPA approves an extension of time to **June 7, 2002**, for the deliverables contained in the following paragraphs in Section VII (Work To Be Performed):

- Paragraph 4.B.ii.c. (Conceptual Site Model)
- Paragraph 4.B.i.d. (Data gaps and compilation)
- Paragraph 4.B.ii.h. (Project Management Plan and Data Management Plan)

EPA approves an extension of time to **June 14, 2002**, for the deliverables contained in the following paragraphs in Section VII (Work to Be Performed):

- Paragraph 4.B.ii.d. (Candidate Early Action Areas)
- Paragraph 4.B.ii.e. (Preliminary RAO's)
- Paragraph 4.B.ii.e. (Natural Attenuation)
- Paragraph 4.B.ii.f. (Draft RI/FS Work Plan for the Initial Study Area) Please note that the extension of time granted for the Draft RI/FS Work Plan for the ISA does not apply to any specific deliverable or subdeliverable which is part of the Work Plan and the deadline for which has not been specifically extended.

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- Paragraph 4.B.ii.g. (Sampling and Analysis Plan and Quality Assurance Project Plan)
- Paragraph 4.B.ii.h. (Health and Safety Plan)

Requirement to Submit Information in Support of Project Workgroups

EPA is encouraged by reports from EPA workgroup participants that workgroups are an enlightened means of exchange which could provide cost and time-saving efficiencies. If Respondents' participants were more freely able to exchange written materials, EPA participants could work from those written materials and study ideas as they iterate. Currently, EPA participants are forced to rely solely on what they can remember and have to react to materials while they are initially trying to absorb them. From a project management perspective, EPA considers this counter-productive and critically important to restructure for workgroups to function in the future.

In exchange for the extension of time, EPA is hereby requiring Respondents to summarize the following information relating to sediment, biota, and aqueous media (including ground water, pore water, and surface water) in table format and submit to EPA no later than **Thursday**, **May 9**, **2002**:

- 1. Sample types, approximate number and location of samples, and rationale for their selection.
- 2. Chemical classes to be analyzed for each media.

These summaries should enable EPA and Respondents to have a substantially more valuable exchange in meeting presentations scheduled for May 15, and thereafter. In addition, it is important to understand that by granting the schedule extensions described above, the time for EPA review of documents prior to the upcoming sampling season, and the time for Respondents to incorporate any changes required by EPA will be truncated. If Respondents submit a Work Plan requiring substantial modification, the shortened time frame could result in inadequate time for EPA to provide comments and for Respondents to incorporate them in a timely fashion. The table information described above will provide a basis for EPA to determine whether EPA and Respondents share a common view of the sampling effort needed for sediments, biota, and aqueous media. If the table information indicates vastly different approaches, EPA may develop its own version of the Work Plan for these areas. If the Work Plan submitted by Respondents is inadequate, EPA may require Respondents to implement the Work Plan as modified by EPA. All table information may be submitted in "draft" form, boldly so marked, "for technical workgroup discussion purposes only," or any similar formulation.

Lastly, EPA has not yet received a map of human use areas (which was presented in a project meeting but not distributed). EPA presumes it is readily available for distribution. Similarly, EPA has not received the criteria and/or data used to select fish species for human health sampling, information on home ranges, or revised Data Quality Objectives (DQOs), all of which were required on or before April 15, 2002, as articulated in EPA's March 22, 2002 comment letter. EPA expects immediate transmission all of the items in this paragraph upon receipt of this letter.

Use of AOC Language and References in All Project Documents and Correspondence

Please note that EPA has listed the documents for which an extension is being granted by referencing the AOC paragraph number requiring submission of the deliverable, as well as describing the deliverable in a manner consistent with the language in the AOC. Respondents' letter requesting an extension uses new terminology to describe the deliverables. In future correspondence, Respondents must use AOC terminology and paragraph references unless Respondents and EPA mutually agree to any changes in terminology or nomenclature.

Project Contacts

Please note several changes to the "cc" list. Two changes of particular note are as follows. Tara Karamas, Remedial Project Manager, was recently assigned to the Portland Harbor project. Tara will be working with Wallace and Chip on all matters pertaining to the Site. Please make sure to include Tara on all written or email correspondence that has in the past been directed to Wallace and/or Chip. Additionally, Sylvia Kawabata will be replacing Amber Wong as Wallace, Chip, and Tara's first-line supervisor; Sylvia is an experienced EPA manager and joins the Portland Harbor team effective May 5, 2002.

Sincerely

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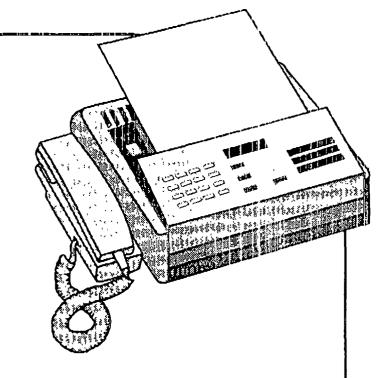
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